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To: Pharmacies, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, FQHCs, RHCs, and Nursing Homes

RE: Formulation Change – Auralgan Otic Drops

The Alabama Medicaid Agency encourages providers to prescribe appropriate, cost-effective products for their patients.

Recently, the rights to the name Auralgan[®] were purchased by Deston Pharmaceuticals. As a result, the Agency would like to make all prescribing providers aware that a commonly prescribed drug, Auralgan[®] Otic Drops has changed its formulation. The ingredients in the old formulation were antipyrine and benzocaine while the reformulated version now contains antipyrine, benzocaine, acetic acid, and U-polycosanol 410. The Average Wholesale Price (AWP) for the newly formulated Auralgan[®] is \$178.70 while the reimbursement rate for the original, generic version is \$2.80.

Although the older, branded version of Auralgan[®] is no longer available, the generic versions of the old formulation are. Some examples of the current covered generic formulations are Allergen[®], A-B Otic[®], Aurodex[®], antipyrine/benzocaine, and Auroguard[®].

Due to this change in formulation, when a prescriber writes a prescription for Auralgan[®], the new brand name product must be dispensed because the new product does not have a generic version. If a prescriber would like to write a prescription for the original/generic, less expensive alternative, one of the generic names listed above should be prescribed.

If you should have additional questions about this issue, please contact Kelli Littlejohn, Pharm. D., Robert Moon, M.D., or Mary McIntyre, M.D. at 334-353-4584.

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